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Paul E. Stacey
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Re: Stream flow Regulations

Dear Mr. Stacey:

Last week I attended the informational presentation about the proposed Stream Flow regulations that was held at the Wallingford Public Library. I came away supporting the regulations. It seems like a good thing to attempt to regulate the amount of water taken from the rivers and tie that into the amount of water available at various times of year.

However I am concerned about designating some rivers as a Class 4, in particular the Quinnipiac River. I don't think it would be right to "give up" on any of the natural rivers. As a Board Member and former officer of the Quinnipiac Valley Audubon Society, I have been involved with this river for many years. Our nature center in Cheshire borders the Quinnipiac on the western side of our property. In the last several years much has been done to clean up this river making it pleasant for canoeing, birding, and other recreational activities. I would hate to see the Quinnipiac listed as a Class 4 whereby all the good things that have been accomplished would no longer be supported by the regulations.

I hope the DEP will take another look at the proposed Class 4 which would offer only minimum protection for certain "unredeemable" rivers. The Quinnipiac, for one, seems to me to be far from this category at this point.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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